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SUBJECT: NEW PROVINCE CHIEF FOR QUANG TRI

1. LTG TRUONG, CG, MR I, INFORMED ME THIS MORNING THAT QUANG TRI PROVINCE CHIEF, LT COL VIET, WOULD BE RELIEVED ON AUGUST 27 AND BE REPLACED BY LT COL (FNU) KY.

2. LT COL KY IS CURRENTLY ASST CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE MARINE DIVISION. GENERAL TRUONG DESCRIBED HIM AS YOUNG AND BRIGHT, AND OBVIOUSLY THINKS VERY HIGHLY OF HIM.

3. WHILE PRAISING VIET'S GOOD INTENTIONS AND SINCERITY, GENERAL TRUONG STATED THAT VIET WAS UNABLE TO GAIN THE SUPPORT AND COOPERATION OF THE PROVINCIAL CIVILIAN ADMINISTRATION. VIET WILL RETURN TO I CORPS HEADQUARTERS IN AN UNSPECIFIED ASSIGNMENT.

4. GEN TRUONG ALSO TOLD ME THAT HENCEFORTH THE MARINE DIVISION WILL ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECTOR SECURITY IN QUANG TRI, INCLUDING OPERATIONAL CONTROL OVER ALL RF UNITS. THE NEW PROVINCE CHIEF WOULD THUS BE FREE TO DEVOTE HIS FULL ATTENTION TO ADMINISTERING HIS PROVINCE, PARTICULARLY THE RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES.

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5. COMMENT: THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT VIET WAS HAVING TROUBLE

WITH THE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL AND BUREAUCRACY. WHILE MOST WOULD
AGREE THAT HE WAS WELL-MOTIVATED AND TRYING TO DO HIS BEST
UNDER VERY DIFFICULT CURCUMSTANCES, HIS LACK OF POLITICAL AND
BUREAUCRATIC FINESSE WERE APPARENTLY FATAL FLAWS.
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